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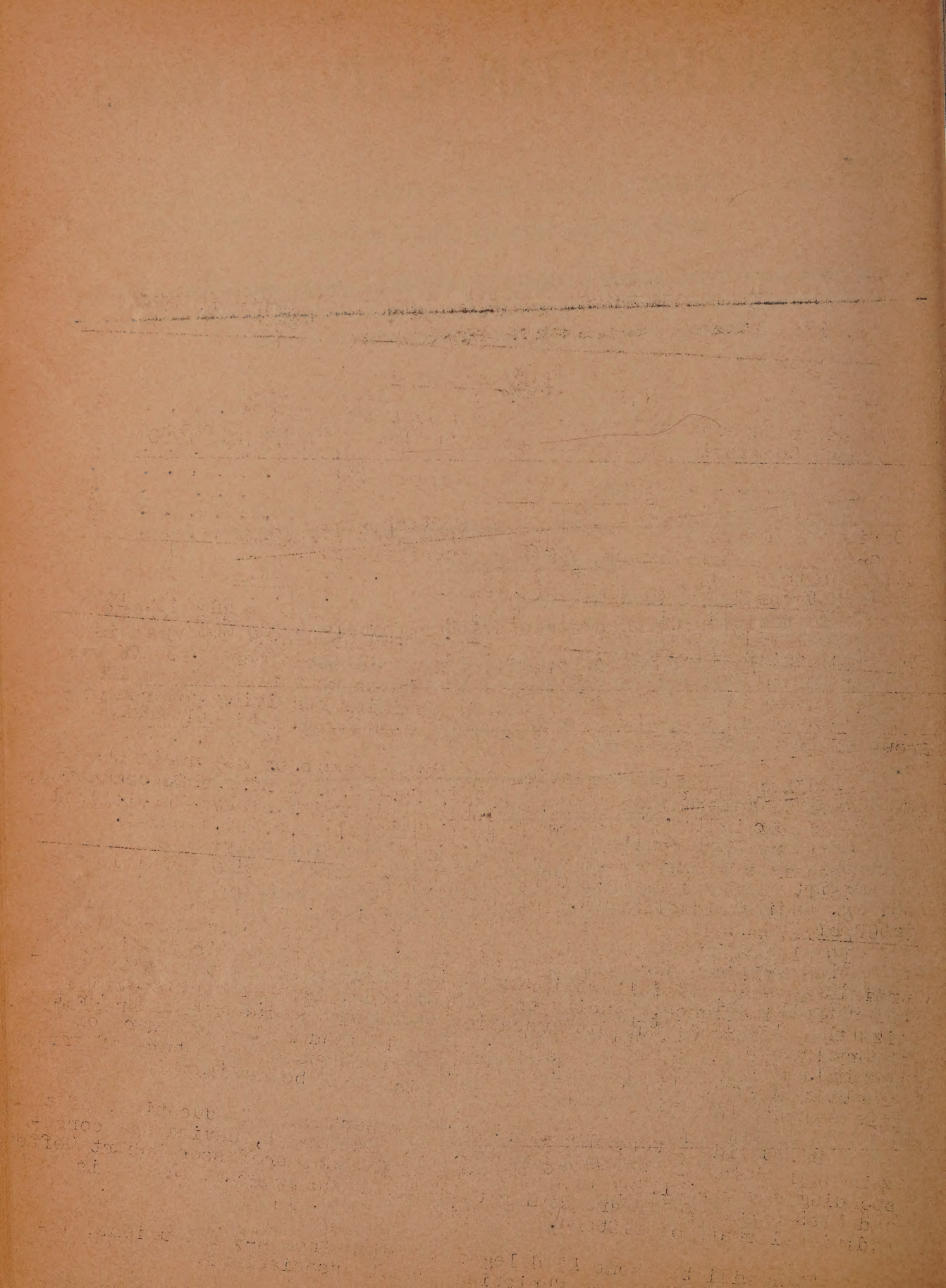
## IMC GRANTS TO THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Theological Education Committee of the International Missionary Council met in Edinburgh from July 26-29. Twenty-five of the committee attended the meetings which were under the chairmanship of Dr. John C. Smith of New York.

Major grants were: \$ 100,000 to set up a theological school at university level in the Congo (\$ 50,000 must be raised locally); \$ 100,000 to relocate Immanuel College, Nigeria; \$ 86,500 to Association of East African Theological Colleges; \$ 85,000 to Tsinan Theological College in Formosa (if \$ 10,000 raised through local sources); \$ 110,250 to Serampore College in West Bengal if additional \$ 10,000 is raised locally; \$ 123,000 to United Theological College in Bangalore, South India; \$ 100,000 for the Higher Theological School in Djakarta, Indonesia, on condition \$ 5,000 is raised locally; and \$ 128,000 to Doshisha University in Japan on condition that \$ 85,000 be raised locally.

The money will be used to tear down and rebuild the Doshisha Theological Hall and most of the balance will be used in setting up an Occupational Evangelism Program under the direction







of Dr. Takenaka. TUTS request for \$ 80,000 was postponed for discussion until next year but they were given a grant of \$ 10,000. It will be used for a scholarship for a professor in America, research study in Palestine and for a scholarship in the area of Christian Social Ethics.

Another aspect of the work of the Fund is the Text Books program. "The aim of this project is to provide more adequate theological literature in the main languages of theological instruction in the Younger Churches." A grant of \$ 10,000 by the Fund was given to the NCC toward the cost of publishing a comprehensive Dictionary of Christianity now under preparation by the Literature Department of the NCC. Leading scholars of all denominations related to the NCC are represented. Dr. Hidenobu Kuwada is chairman of the editorial committee. The work, which is projected as a 1600 page one volume work, should be off the press by June 1962.

The grant will also make possible the translation of Dr. Marshall Horton's book "Christian Theology, an Ecumenical Approach." The translator will be Rev. Mr. Yozo Yuasa.

The Christian Literature Department of the NCC will manage the business aspects of the undertaking.

In addition to these grants approximately \$ 200,000 was given to 213 theological schools and colleges in younger church areas for the improvement of their libraries. A theological book list of 5000 titles has been prepared with the collaboration of a large international panel of scholars. Each school is free to order books up to the amount of the monetary grant from Blackwells of Oxford or Allensons of Illinois. Grants amounting to \$ 15,300 were given to 13 theological schools in Japan. The grants were: Doshisha and TUTS \$ 2,500 each; Japan Lutheran Seminary, Seinan Gakuin College (So. Baptist) and Central Theological College in Tokyo \$ 1,500 each; School of Theology, Aoyama University-\$ 1,200; St. Paul's and Kwansei Gakuin \$ 1,000 each; Kanto Gakuin and Japan Biblical Seminary was \$ 750.00; Bishop Williams Training School (Kyoto) \$ 500.00 and Northeast Bible Institute (Tsutsumi) and National Christian Rural Service and Training Center \$ 300.00 each.

#### 1961 TOKYO CRUSADE PRAYER RALLIES BEGIN

During this month prayer rallies for the crusade will be held in Sapporo, Takamatsu, Osaka, Nagoya and Fukuoka. Dr. Paul Rees of World Vision, who inspired many at the Pastor's Conference in Hakone in March (see March issue) will give devotional talks at the meetings. Those for pastors will be held at 2 p.m. and those for the believers at 7:00 p.m. In Sapporo a group of 90 pastors are preparing for the first meeting.

The NCC is not 'actively supporting' the Crusade but pastors and individual churches are supporting it on an individual basis. A committee of 400 pastors and laymen are actively cooperating in preparation for the Crusade. Rev. Mr. Takeshi Muto is chairman







Rev. Mr. A. Kuroda of the Federation of Evangelical Churches is vice-chairman and Rev. Mr. Masanao Fujita is executive secretary. The Tokyo Crusade will be held from May 6-June 4 in 1961 at the Tokyo Municipal Gymnasium. Twenty-seven different organizations gave up their rights to the gym during this period in order to make it possible. Even Rotary International was unsuccessful in reserving it during this period. About 80-85% of the churches in the Tokyo area are taking part in the crusade. Already several Japanese Christians have pledged 100,000 yen (about \$ 300.00) toward the expenses but actual solicitation for support has not started yet.

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Preparations are now being made to hold an 8 week training school for 4000 counsellors recommended by the participating churches.

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#### SUMMER CONFERENCES HELD BY

#### CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

One-hundred and eleven delegates representing 46 schools gathered at the conference on religious education sponsored by the Christian School Education Association. It was held July 28 through July 30. The theme of the conference was "Practical things of Bible Education." Rev. Mr. Yoshitaro Shigeru, chaplain at Doshisha University spoke at the opening service stressing the need to rethink the place of Bible education in the educational system. He said also that the Bible teachers should recognize themselves as servants to the Word of God, not only teaching it but living according to it themselves.

Professor Megumu Imada of Kansai Gakuin spoke on the role of psychology in Christian education. He described present-day psychology as not the servant or the enemy of religion, but related. Since the object of psychology is the study of personality, the aim and method of religious education is influenced by it.

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One hundred and eleven delegates representing 40 schools gathered at the conference on religious education sponsored by the Christian School Education Association. It was held July 20 through July 30. The theme of the conference was "Practical Christianity in the Home." Rev. Mr. Yoshitomo Higashi, Chairman of the Association, spoke at the opening service. He stressed the need to bring the place of Bible education in the home into the system. He said also that the Bible teachers should realize themselves as servants to the Word of God, not only teaching it but living according to its principles.

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on the faculty and 215 teachers from 56 different schools attended the sessions. The theme was "The Development of Christian School Education."

Professor Takeshi Takasaki of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary gave the opening talk on the theme "The Motives of Christian Schools in Japan." Beginning with the founding of the schools, he traced how the motives changed in 30 years and then centered on the situation in the present day. In this day of rapid social change, it is the responsibility of the school to train leaders. Since it belongs to the middle class, the responsibility is to develop the leadership of this class. This is the "calling of the Christian school." It is not simply a call to increase the number of Christians but to train the leadership, of society sent to their care.

Another outstanding speaker was Dr. Seiji Kaya, president of Tokyo University who spoke on science and education.

#### HEIFERS ARRIVE FOR JCWS RURAL CENTER IN OKUNAYAMA

Seventeen heifers and 2 bulls arrived on September 1 destined for the JCWS Rural Project in Iwate Prefecture. The cattle were donated by the California Evangelical United Brethren Church through the Heifer Project, Incorporated. The Rev. Warren W. Peters, Methodist minister of Oakland, California accompanied the shipment.

The Rural Center was officially dedicated on August 8. The project is a direct result of earlier JCWS relief activities in the area several years ago when large amounts of clover seed was distributed to the farmers in northern Japan. Because of the gratitude of the local government, JCWS was invited to begin an agricultural project in the area and 125 acres of land were made available for the purpose. The land was purchased 2 years ago and since that time essential buildings have been constructed. The project will serve as a model farm and teaching center for thousands of low-income farmers in the area. Most of the farmers in the area have a cash income of less than \$ 200.00 a year.

Sufficient pasture to feed 20 cattle has been developed and eventually it will also serve as a cattle breeding center and will distribute heifers among the local farmers.

#### UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH CONSULTATION TO BE HELD

A study conference to restudy the whole church will be held from October 31 to November 4, reconvening on November 11. Ten members of the ULC Board, including the chairman and secretary for Japan, about 20 Japanese and 10 missionaries will take part in the study conference. It will be similar to one conducted by the ULC in India.

#### DR. HAROLD L. WILKE ARRIVES ON SEPTEMBER 15







Dr. Harold L. Wilke, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Church and Ministry for the Evangelical and Reformed Church arrived in Japan to consult with various people on handicap work and for inspirational talks.

He was born without arms himself,, but his sparkling wit and cheerful disposition actually makes one unaware of it. He attended Chicago Theological Seminary and Union Seminary in New York.

While here he will be the guest of the Work for Handicap of the National Office for the Japanese Government, visit military posts and after visiting the Kansai area will continue his trip around the world on September 20. His trip is being sponsored by the Lily Foundation.

#### LARGEST LBC MISSIONARY GROUP SINCE 1948 ARRIVES

Forty new missionaries arrived to begin language study or to start their work in Japan. Ten are permanent appointees and 30 are short term appointments.



